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AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: LEBANON DISASTER RELIEF: AUH SUPPLIES

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1. ASPER AGREES WITH PROPOSAL REFTEL C, PARA ONE TO SUE
JULY 19 SHIPMENT AS TEST CASE. AUH NEGOTIATING FOR TRUCK AND WILL
MAKE EVERY EFFORT MEET FLIGHT.

2. ASPER PESSIMISTIC HOWEVER OVER ABILITY SUPPLY TRUCKS TO MEET
LARGE VOLUME SUPPLIES NOW READY COME IN. HE AGREES WITH REFTEL B,
PARA THREE THAT BEST PROCEDURE WOULD BE CONT E ICRC TO FLY
SUPPLIES IN FOR AUH. GASOLINE SHORAGE HERE MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE
MOUNT TRANSPORT OPERATION OF SIZE NEEDED AND ASPER UNCERTAIN TRUCKS
CAN BE RENTED IN DAMASCUS TO MAKE HAUL TO BEIRUT. AUH DRIVER OMAR
HAS TRIED IN PAST TO DO SO AND FAILED. IF ICRC UNABLE FLY GOOD IN
FROM LARNACA, DAMASCUS ROUTE WOULD BE NEXT BEST OPTION.

3. IN RESPONSE REFTEL B, PARA FOUR, AUH HAS ON HAND ONLY 50 DOSES

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GAMA GLOBULIN AND WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MORE. ADDITIONAL LOCAL

SUPPLIES NOT AVAILABLE DUE ELECTRICAL OUTAGE SPOILING. ASPER SUGGESTS
SENDING POWDERED FORM IF AVAILABLE. IF NOT, SHIPPING WOULD PROBABLY
NEED TO BE VIA CYPRUS DUE LACK OF REFRIGERATOR TRANSPORT FROM
DAMASCUS.

4. IN RESPONSE REFTEL A, PARA TWO, AUH FEELS IT NEEDS ALL THE I.V.
SOLUTION IT CAN GET DUE POSSIBILITY OUTBREAKS OF CHOLERA AND TYPHOID.
HOWEVER, SITUATION REQUIRES SOME SHARING WITH OTHER HOSPITALS.
ANSWERS TO OTHER QUESTIONS IN REFTEL A PENDING. SEELYE

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